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DECLARATION OF KE'AUJANAA SHEPHERD-FRIDAY

- I, Ke'Aujanaa Shepherd-Friday, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I am aware that this Declaration will be filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan and that it is the legal equivalent of a statement under oath.
 - I am over the age of 18 and competent in all respects to make this Declaration. The facts contained herein are based upon my personal knowledge.
 - 2. I am a plaintiff in this matter.
 - This Declaration is offered in support of Plaintiffs' Brief in Opposition to Defendant's
 Motion for Summary Judgment and Brief in Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Exclude

 Expert Testimony.
 - 4. I live at 1716 Woodward Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.
 - My home is within the boundaries of Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS) and the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Area.
 - 6. I am 22 years old.
 - 7. I always strive to succeed.
 - 8. I did not complete my merit diploma while I attended KPS or Comstock Public Schools (CPS).
 - 9. My understanding at the time was that I had completed my assignments at KPS and CPS and earned the credit necessary to graduate.
 - 10. CPS informed me that I had missed too many days of instruction due to my excused absences owing to chronic health issues related to my sickle cell anemia.
 - 11. I left CPS because I was not being provided the supports I needed to make progress. (Dep. Transcript p41 L18-21).

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12. I want to receive a merit diploma.

13. I understand that, according to my official transcript, that I am short of the credits needed

to receive that diploma.

14. I have already done some searching to find a school district that can provide the help and

understanding I need to make progress toward the credits I am missing.

15. I haven't yet tried to enroll at any school to complete the credits I am missing.

16. I would welcome any compensatory education issued as a part of this case to help me in

earning the last credits I need for my diploma.

17. In the meantime, I have enrolled in a certification program at Kalamazoo Valley

Community College to be able to work as a pharmacy technician.

18. To support myself, I also am employed as a caretaker, typically working [number] of hours

a week.

19. If called as a witness to testify, I would competently testify to each fact contained in this

Declaration.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the

foregoing declaration and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and

belief.

Dated: 04/07/2025

Ke'Aujanaa Shepherd-Friday (Apr 7, 2025 12:33 EDT)

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